

May 19, 2011

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 947 – *Caroline County – Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2011*.

This bill increases to 26 the times a Class BWTS beer and wine (on-premises) tasting or sampling license may be granted in a calendar year to a person in Caroline County. The bill also alters the hours of sale for specified licensees and requires that a licensee in the county or an employee of the licensee be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program and, except in case of a bona fide emergency, be present during the hours in which alcohol may be sold.

Senate Bill 102, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 947.

Sincerely,

Governor